

14 JUL 1953 REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1953.

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1952 -

Males - 317,208; Females - 297,275; Persons - 614,483

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1952 -

Persons - 346,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	APRIL		4 Months Ended APRIL	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Marriages - Number	543	564	1,849	2,105
*Rate per 1000 of Population	10.66	11.52	9.11	10.70
Births - Number	1,308	1,271	5,311	5,081
*Rate per 1000 of Population	25.68	25.96	26.16	25.84
Deaths - Number	372	381	1,482	1,588
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.30	7.78	7.30	8.07
Infant Mortality - Number	25	30	126	154
*Rate per 1000 Live Births	19.11	23.60	23.72	30.31
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	2	7	16	31
Malignant neoplasms	62	53	252	213
Diabetes Mellitus	1	4	11	17
Diseases of blood etc.	1	2	5	7
Cerebral haemorrhage etc.	40	36	143	189
Diseases of the heart	90	113	425	426
Hypertension with heart disease	10	13	43	42
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	10	2	23	17
Arteriosclerosis	21	12	52	53
Influenza	-	1	1	5
Pneumonia	10	9	41	55
Bronchitis	4	-	11	4
Other Respiratory disease	1	8	6	27
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	7	7	17	16
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	2	10	14
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	3	6
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	-	5	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	9	6	19	21
Diseases of the prostate	4	5	12	20
Maternal causes	1	1	3	8
Diseases of early infancy	15	18	75	97
Motor vehicle accidents	15	20	58	65
Other accidents	20	21	70	74
Suicide	4	6	15	28
All other causes	43	34	166	152
Total	372	381	1,482	1,588

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE
COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 1951

1. The Commission has been established in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the High Seas, signed at Geneva on April 29, 1958.

2. The Commission has held its first session on November 1, 1951, at Geneva, Switzerland. The session was attended by representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Federal Republic of Germany.

3. The Commission has since that time held several other sessions, and has been actively engaged in its work. It has held a series of meetings to discuss the work of the Commission and to prepare its report for the year 1951.

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May, 1953 totalled 546,578 acres, an increase of 156,790 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,500,914 acres, an increase of 284,291.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of MAY		11 Months Ended MAY	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,738,060	3,217,031	34,203,313	30,149,388
Revenue per Head of Population	£6. 0. 5	£5. 7. 5	£55.19. 7	£51. 1. 0
Expenditure	3,491,636	2,983,402	35,497,987	31,245,170
Expenditure per Head of Population	£5. 12. 6	£4. 19. 8	£58. 2. 0	£52. 18. 1

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st May, 1953 amounted to £48,602,749 or £78. 4. Od. per head of population as against £46,247,506 or £77.2.5d. per head as at the 31st May last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

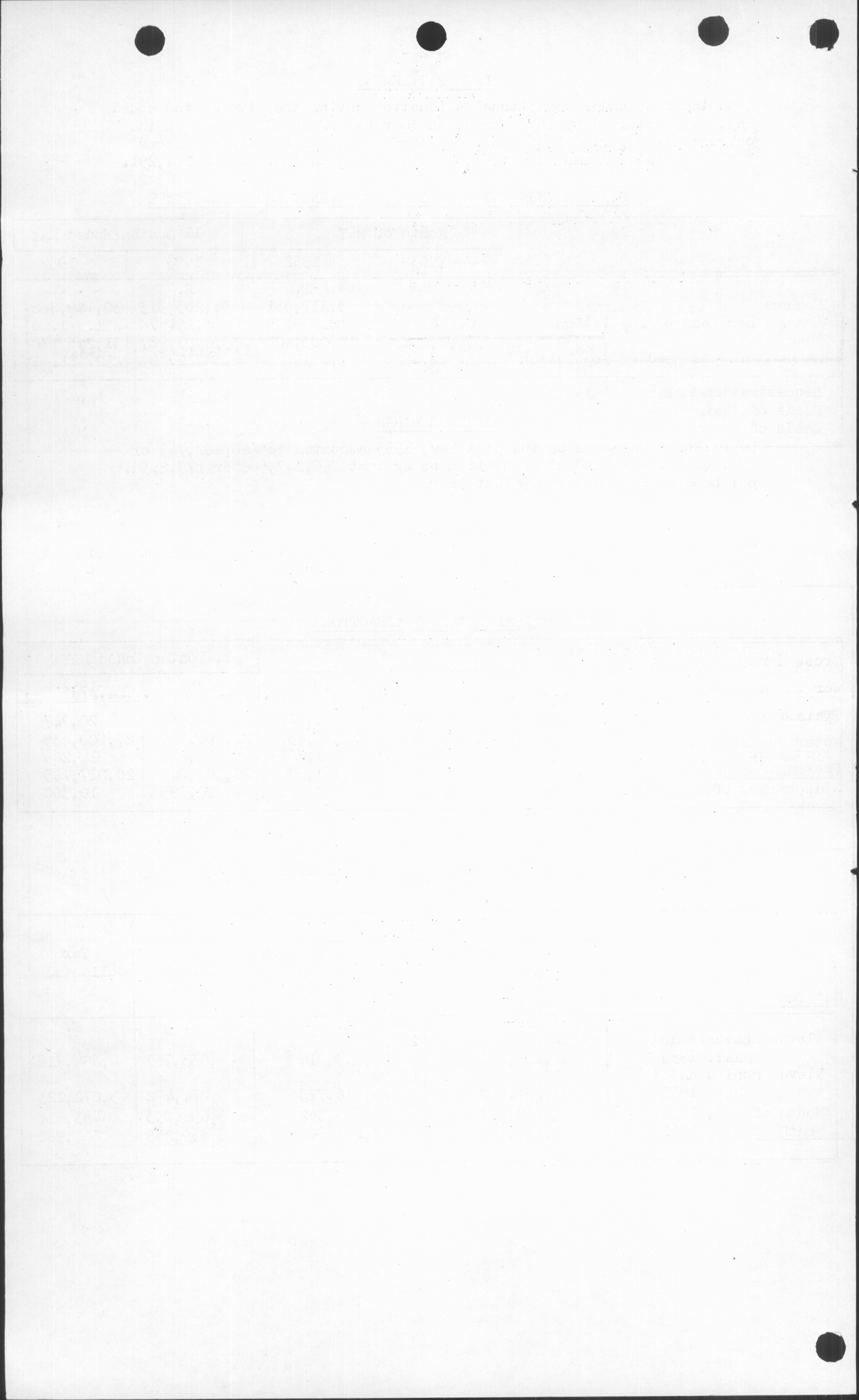
The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 27th May, 1953 amounted to £12,355,900 compared with £12,118,861 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MAY		11 Months Ended MAY	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Transfers	No.	2,067	1,823	18,957	20,747
	£.	2,860,379	2,585,437	22,790,369	27,800,435
Mortgages	No.	1,646	1,361	14,246	14,205
	£.	2,307,437	2,361,320	20,501,004	20,027,165
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,102	1,124	10,195	10,300

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX
COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Eleven months ended MAY, 1953	32,239,091	23,559,014	76,033,767	4,894,718
Eleven months ended MAY, 1952	33,901,590	25,516,773	79,074,492	5,072,123
Month of MAY, 1953	3,188,223	2,333,852	6,696,093	453,514
Month of MAY, 1952	3,118,186	2,413,848	8,339,259	504,962



COMPANIES REGISTERED

100 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £5,694,600 and 58 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1953. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 82 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,570,900 and 62 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Eleven Months ended MAY					
	1953			1952		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	35	£. 120,045	£. 57,623	19	£. 38,351	£. 36,471
Deeds of Assignment (a)	23	165,066	192,712	16	50,161	38,029
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	1	1,978	1,015

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	APRIL		10 Months Ended APRIL	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Gross Earnings. (a) * £.	848,700	666,800	6,403,900	7,796,600
Working Expenses. (a) £.	1,135,969	777,254	9,979,680	8,624,270
Train Miles Run No.	565,502	468,873	4,111,588	5,848,263
Motor Bus Miles Run. No.	(b) 157,858	(b) 155,694	(c) 1,624,829	(c) 1,508,967
Passenger Journeys -				
Train No.	565,415	628,276	4,820,735	9,058,285
Motor Bus No.	50,401	50,302	529,680	481,380
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	270,016	213,235	1,972,244	2,492,708
Livestock	9,224	6,852	113,450	111,868
Departmental (Free Freight)	65,616	71,473	519,968	735,051
Total.	344,856	291,560	2,605,662	3,339,627
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	43,980,678	32,498,599	309,479,604	385,463,919
Livestock	1,024,800	924,982	14,315,182	14,622,885
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,999,718	7,449,274	70,074,389	79,136,341
Total.	53,005,196	40,872,855	393,869,175	479,223,145

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 4th April.

(c) Period ended 4th April.

* Figures liable to revision.

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

The local companies, which are listed on the left, and the foreign companies, which are listed on the right, have been classified according to the type of investment in the local companies for the year ended May 31, 1955. The total amount of investment in local companies is \$1,000,000 and the total amount of investment in foreign companies is \$1,000,000.

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Eleven months ended May 31, 1955

Type of Investment	1954			1955		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Investment in local companies	10	100,000	100,000	10	100,000	100,000
Investment in foreign companies	10	100,000	100,000	10	100,000	100,000
Total	20	200,000	200,000	20	200,000	200,000

(1) Investment in local companies and foreign companies of investment.

The following table shows the investment in local companies and foreign companies for the year ended May 31, 1955.

Type of Investment	1954			1955		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Investment in local companies	10	100,000	100,000	10	100,000	100,000
Investment in foreign companies	10	100,000	100,000	10	100,000	100,000
Total	20	200,000	200,000	20	200,000	200,000

(1) Investment in local companies and foreign companies of investment.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
1952 - April	512	241	5	120	949	568	7	177
1953 - January	272	94	-	80	492	296	5	119
February	291	151	1	69	556	369	2	121
March	326	119	6	72	627	334	8	124
April	292	161	4	51	545	439	6	93

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS). *

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1950 - June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 - June	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952 - June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 - January	40,516	17,384	530	10,346	66,392	50,193	976	15,088
February	40,644	17,438	527	10,319	67,497	51,806	1,002	15,501
March	40,931	17,501	530	10,331	68,465	52,738	1,016	15,785

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for March, 1953:-
89 Cars; 756 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 11 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, April 1953 and 1952, and ten months ended April 1953 and 1952, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	APRIL		10 Months Ended APRIL		APRIL		10 Months Ended APRIL	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,000	4,186	25,344	52,860	8,917	8,109	76,092	65,804
	5,710	4,848	55,424	50,655	2,149	545	20,631	9,697
Total	8,710	9,034	80,768	103,515	11,066	8,654	96,723	75,501

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,885	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
<u>1953 -</u> March Qr.	706	1,614	935	2,391	17	214	172	657	1,830	4,876

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION (Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
<u>1953 -</u> March Qr.	660	2,004	139	364	823	1,587	8	14	1,630	3,969

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

446,904 lbs. were produced during May, 1953, and 13,559,577 lbs. for the eleven months ended May, 1953, as against 543,640 lbs. and 13,690,364 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1952.

GOLD PRODUCTION

	MAY		5 Months Ended MAY	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Quantity Fine Ozs.	60,589	90,283	344,828	297,221
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	938,629	1,398,641	5,341,927	4,604,489

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the five months ended May, 1953 amounted to £276,912. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1952 amounted to £248,306.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series:- Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	MARCH QUARTER		12 Months Ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months Ended MARCH	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Metropolitan Area	2492	2242	2422	2075	2247	2080	2212	1952
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2692	2419	2624	2230	2343	2164	2307	2036
Northam	2557	2308	2491	2118	2279	2070	2238	1955
Bunbury	2544	2299	2476	2115	2275	2106	2238	1967
Geraldton	2613	2347	2539	2157	2385	2169	2347	2046
Collie	2580	2305	2500	2115	2172	1992	2130	1872

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1952			1953		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,021	40,611	167,632	127,573	39,805	167,378
February	127,314	41,319	168,633	128,682	40,835	169,517
March	127,666	41,367	169,033	129,232	41,012	170,244
April	126,905	41,326	168,231	129,666	41,211	170,877
May	126,734	41,110	167,844			
June	126,001	40,564	166,565			
July	125,215	40,408	165,623			
August	125,577	40,115	165,692			
September	125,235	40,272	165,507			
October	126,306	40,389	166,695			
November	126,330	40,541	166,871			
December	126,684	40,719	167,403			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1949	1950	1951	1952(a)	1953(a)	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
January	179	194	208	214	216	1354	1410	1490	1540	1538
February	182	197	212	216	219	1358	1387	1495	1536	1541
March	186	200	215	216	222	1371	1415	1513	1522	1534
April	187	200	215	215	223	1377	1415	1508	1517	1550
May	187	203	216	214		1354	1418	1500	1512	
June	187	202	215	211		1362	1429	1517	1495	
July	182	204	218	210		1381	1423	1517	1497	
August	189	204	217	214		1377	1419	1510	1488	
September	190	204	216	213		1365	1428	1518	1485	
October	191	206	217	214		1375	1431	1522	1507	
November	192	207	217	214		1402	1450	1537	1519	
December	194	207	215	215		1470	1531	1587	1574	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(5) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from
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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
27/4/53	£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
	12. 1. 10		7. 17. 2	12. 3. 0		7. 17. 11	12. 7. 9		8. 1. 0

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	MAY		11 Months Ended MAY	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	31,154	29,114	318,386	295,432
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	27,653	25,449	282,306	256,687

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
May, 1953	12,846	377	59,661	7,210
May, 1952	13,489	450	64,769	8,790
5 Months ended May, 1953	39,000	1,654	422,875	41,267
5 Months ended May, 1952	37,757	1,856	346,411	47,080

STATE BASIC FACTS

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Polk and West of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
12. 1. 10	1. 1. 10	1. 1. 10	1. 1. 10	1. 1. 10	1. 1. 10	1. 1. 10

Metropolitan Area - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by U.S. Government Power Station)

Particulars		MAY		11 Months Ended MAY	
		1952	1952	1952	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)		31,124	29,114	318,326	322,432
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)		27,652	25,442	322,306	320,687

LIVESTOCK STANDINGS IN METROPOLITAN ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
May, 1952	12,745	277	29,601	7,210
May, 1951	12,745	277	29,601	7,210
5 months ended May, 1952	12,745	277	29,601	7,210
5 months ended May, 1951	12,745	277	29,601	7,210